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"If it's there, people are going to use it, but it affects cd sales," Meghan Crosby, senior.
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Sign to Shaker: pick up your trash!

• Committee attempts to stop trashy habits

By Leonicia Berry
Staff reporter

A half-eaten sandwich, ketchup-covered french fries and every junk food wrapper known to man assorted in a chaotic mess, and multicolored plastic trays coated with food-like substances. No, this isn't a scene from a low budget horror film, it's Shaker's cafeteria after any one of the three lunch periods.

Part of the R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Committee, the school-wide campaign to clean up, is addressing the littering issue. The committee has been taping posters to the walls of the school to encourage students to clean up after themselves.

Most students complain about the appearance of their school but are not willing to do anything about it.

"I feel responsible for my own stuff, but it's not like I'm going to clean up everybody's mess," said sophomore Whitney Shelven-Barrett.

The campaign promotes cleaning up after one's self.

"It's time that someone did this," said Alan Siebert, one of the R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Committee's faculty advisers.

Some students think the cafeteria staff should take greater measures in enforcing self-clean up.

"Everyone needs to clean up their own mess, and those who don't should stay after and clean up leftover trash and clean the table and chairs, like they did at the middle school," said Shelven-Barrett.



Mary O'Connell/The Shakerite
The R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Committee attempts to influence young mess makers with their signs.

Students thought of other ways to clean up.

"Just tell the people to clean up, and if they leave it there, someone will pick it up," said freshmen Rachel Morgenstern-Claren.

Cafeteria staff have another idea about how to keep our school refined.

"The children need to clean their own things and the cafeteria would be and stay clean," said cafeteria staff member Barbara Williams.

Despite the sudden campaign for a cleaner school, the posters have almost gone unnoticed or have been taken as a joke. Williams said students notice the signs but do not do anything about it.

"They respond to my mouth," said Williams. "They don't even see the signs."

Signs sporting slogans such as "Don't be a hag, put it in a bag" are not usually taken seriously.

"The signs are so stupid and corny. Just because I see a stupid sign doesn't mean I'm going to pick up my trash because the sign told me to," said sophomore Ashley Hill.

However, the idea is coming across.

"Everyone just needs to treat the school like it's their house and make it good for everyone for the next 10 years," said Shelven-Barrett.

LITTER BREEDS
DISEASE



THEY LITTERED
AND LOOK AT
THEM NOW!
SAVE YOURSELF!
THROW AWAY
YOUR TRASH!

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Mitchell graduates with class of 2000

• Interim principal's double-duty-year concludes with positive reactions

By Carmel Pryor
Staff reporter

Ask most any member of the high school community how Interim Principal Jerry Mitchell has handled his double duties this year, and you'll get a consistent answer.

"He cares a lot about the students," said senior Raychade Nellmesbey.

Following the passing of Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh last June, Mitchell, who will retire at the end of this year, assumed the duties of interim principal while continuing in his former position as class of 2000 assistant principal. Before joining the Shaker school system four years ago, Mitchell was a teacher and a principal in Cleveland for 33 years.

"I have really enjoyed my time here," Mitchell said. "It has been like seeing my children grow up."

Students have reacted positively to Mitchell's performance.



Mitchell

"It must be different for him to be both assistant principal and interim principal. I think he's done a really good job with it," said senior Dana Beck.

Eleventh grade Assistant Principal John Addison agrees. Mitchell has effectively maintained the same leadership as Rumbaugh, he said.

"Both had an open-door policy, so anyone could see them and they treated the staff like professionals," Addison said. "But with his dual role he demanded to see more students and was active in more places."

According to Mitchell, his positions this year as

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SHAKER MUSIC STUDENTS TOUR CAMBRIDGE

During the music and theatre arts departments' tour in London during spring break, students visited Cambridge to tour the medieval town and give a joint performance in the Chapel of Jesus College, part of Cambridge University. Sophomore Seth Rosenberg and seniors Justin Fuller and Dashi Singham pose in front of a green in the middle of the university while taking a guided tour of the university.



courtesy of Karen Schaefer

Space camp goes to infinity and beyond - in big yellow school bus

• Week-long summer program offers astronomical experience

By Lisa Samols
Co-editor in chief

Shaker is now helping students get their heads into outer space. A three-year-old space camp offers high school students the opportunity to learn more about the stars, planets and galaxies of the universe.

The Shaker Space Station Simulation Camp is a week-long program held free of charge from June 12-16. Twelve to 14 students are accepted via an application process to participate in the activities, which include driving a full-scale

model of a moon rover, spending two days researching in a "space station" and an extensive tour of Cleveland's NASA station.

"Because you're doing hands-on things, it's more fun than a traditional camp," said senior Jeremy Hsu, who will be going to the space camp for the third year in a row.

The camp emphasizes the hands-on experience of science by having students do what might be done in space. Students collect soil samples from around the high school to test for radioactivity, communicate between the simulated space station and model moon rover via radio and video and learn how to map weather patterns.

"It's the whole idea of 'This is what you would do' in a hostile environment

like space," said astronomy teacher and space camp co-founder Gene Zajac. "We found the area around Shaker Heights is not too hostile for human life."

The camp was first conceived as a club or weekend activity, but after a year of planning and receiving grant money to build the model of the lunar rover, it was expanded into a week-long summer camp.

The camp is available only to Shaker High School students, though Marencik and Zajac hope to expand the program to students from other schools in the near future. Students can apply to attend the camp until May 15.

One of the highlights of the camp experience is the two

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Space camp is not just for the school building. Pictured here is the inside of a space bus where campers test the radioactivity of soil and much more. "Because you're doing hands-on things, it's more fun than a traditional camp," said senior camper Jeremy Hsu.

Arabica closes as result of Shaker Square renovation

• Coffee house hopes to relocate on Square; new tenants to include book store and gourmet market

By Meghan Dubyak
News co-editor

After serving the community for over 20 years, Arabica at Shaker Square served its last cup of coffee on April 30.

Due to the Square's renovation, Arabica will leave its current location and possibly move somewhere else on the Square.

"We came to get good-bye drinks," said junior Lauren Cherry, who came to Arabica with two friends on its last day.

According to Marvin Schwartz, executive vice president of Arabica, their lease would have expired in February 2001, so they decided to cooperate with the renovating company in hope of relocating to a different spot on the Square.

"The landlords want space for new tenants," Schwartz said. "We're trying to find a new location at the Square, so we're keeping in their good favor."

Center Point Properties, headed by Adam Fishman and Randy Ruttenberg, hopes to change the nature of the Square.

Fishman said the plans include the addition of Wild Oats Gourmet Grocery, Joseph Beth Book Seller complete with full service restaurant and Shaker Square Cinema, which will play independent and

blockbuster films.

The company is also in negotiations with several other companies including Gap/Gap Kids and Chico's among others.

"We're very close to announcing two exciting restaurants that will be on the Square," Fishman said.

Students' reactions over the renovation of the Square are mixed.

"In the beginning, it will bring more people and money to Shaker, but it will more than likely turn into another Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame," senior Janice Dickson said. "People will get over the fuss about the new Shaker Square, just like the Rock Hall."

Senior Sarah Glauser disagreed.

"I think new stores are a good idea because it started getting boring there," she said.

East Tech senior Claude Mitchell, who works at the Colony Movie Theatre, agreed with Glauser.

"It will be good for the community to have different stores coming to the Square. It will expand business," he said.

Many students are upset at losing a popular study place.

"I'm not happy about it. It's a nice place to study and relax," said Cleveland



Students enjoy their last cup of coffee while studying on Shaker Square Arabica's final day of business. The coffee house hopes to find another location on the Square.

State student Barbara Barnes. "It won't be the same without Arabica."

Dickson agreed.

"Shaker Square's Arabica was a landmark," Dickson said.

Schwartz said that he regrets the clos-

ing, but hopes that Arabica will be able to relocate to another location on the Square.

"We enjoyed being a social center," he said. "We enjoyed serving and hope people enjoyed us."

Mandel brings World War II to life for students

• Volunteer of the year exposes classes to realities of armed forces

By Cassie Heller
Staff Reporter

For 50 minutes in room 116, World War II came to life.

36 million Americans were involved in World War II.

Mort Mandel, a native Cleveland, was one of them.

Mandel, who was named volunteer of the year for Shaker schools, tells students about WWII because it is "one of the most important subjects in our country."

Mandel spoke to Andrew Glasier's U.S. History classes April 25.

"It gave me an actual perspective of someone who was there," said junior Hana Schein.

Mandel was drafted into the Army after college, and went to officer school in California before joining the seventh artillery division.

He eventually became a captain of the armed forces. One student asked



Mort Mandel, World War II veteran, displays his uniform to Andrew Glasier's tenth period US History class during his visit in April.

Mandel if he would have volunteered to go to war.

Mandel, who served in the Philippines and Okinawa, said he regrets his experience. He added that he would not have voluntarily joined the armed forces.

A highlight of the visit occurred when Mandel put on his dress uniform jacket, replete with all rankings and honors, and presented himself to the class in full uniform.

Junior Natalie Guelfi said reading history in books is not the same as listening to it firsthand.

"I thought he was pretty cool," she said. "I never got a chance to listen to someone who was actually in the war."

Mandel said he wanted the students to learn more about WWII.

"What they heard in this hour is probably more than they heard in their lifetime," he said.

Holocaust survivor shares story

Andrew Glasier's tenth period US History class was hushed as they focused on the words of Ruth Hirschman.

Hirschman, a Holocaust survivor, visited classes on April 18th to recount her experiences.

"It was good to hear from someone that had been through the Holocaust," said her grandson, Joshua Hirschman.

She explained anti-Semitism and told her personal story. Her parents died in work camps and she escaped to America in 1939.

"Accept your neighbors, your friends. Tolerance is everything," Hirschman said.

Jennifer Broadbent

Foundation grants money to Shaker race stuff

The Shaker school district has been granted \$286,500 by the Cleveland and George Gund Foundation to further its work in narrowing the achievement gap.

Dr. Ronald Ferguson, senior policy researcher at Harvard University and the main researcher in this endeavor, visited the high school earlier this year to give a presentation on his work.

Ferguson has been conducting an examination of Shaker's black-white achievement gap for several years.

"I'll be helping various segments of the school community find ways to encourage and support excellence," Ferguson said to *The Sun Press*.

Karen Janick

Music department springs into May concert season

This past week marks the beginning of the high school's spring concert season.

The choirs performed a medley from the musical "The Secret Garden" and a tribute to senior choir members on May 3. The orchestras performed music from Berlioz, Gliere and Peter Mancini on May 4.

The bands will perform in the 20th annual Ice Cream Social, which will be held May 9. The program includes, among others, a selection from "Aladdin."

The concerts will be the last time that seniors perform at Shaker.

"It will be a sad day because I'm going to be leaving all my best friends and favorite directors," said senior Wind Ensemble member Chad Davies, "but on the other hand, alleluia!"

Lisa Samois

• Space camp to simulate rocket launch

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days in the "space station." Marencik and Zajac received a grant to convert an old school bus into a model space station. They removed all the seats and installed research benches and computers. Students analyze soil samples and communicate with the moon rover in the space station.

New this year is a simulated rocket launch. Space Explores, a company that provides lessons and experiments for space camps, created an Internet-based program in which participants act out the roles of real scientists in shuttle launches. The students communicate with each other from different computers to successfully "launch" a space shuttle.

The camp is also offered to fourth- and sixth-graders. The elementary camp is two weeks long and includes activities similar to the high school camp's.

"It's more of a motivational camp for the elementary students, more of an enrichment for the high school," Marencik said.

• Mitchell balances responsibilities

MITCHELL

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interim and senior class principals have been something of a challenge.

"I wanted to keep my senior class," Mitchell said.

There were no big changes in school policies. "It takes a while to

implement and change things," said social studies teacher Sarah Davis.

With retirement, Mitchell will graduate with the seniors who he's advised for four years.

"He would have been pleased about this year," Mitchell said of Rumbaugh.



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CORRECTIONS

• In the Guest Writer article by Dashi Singham on page six of Opinion, psychologist William Gardner's name was misspelled.

• Former soccer coach Patrick Sweeny and former wrestling coach Hank Komblut were misidentified on page 16 of Sports.

The Shakerite regrets the errors.

Used CD swappers will have to show state ID

By Sean Ferguson
Staff reporter

Feel like trading in any of your old Hanson CDs? Even trading in books is now a matter of high security.

Because of a new state law passed recently, anyone trading in CDs, tapes or books will have to present a state ID.

Stores will also be required to keep a detailed list of every item traded for at least a year after the trade.

The law was passed to counteract the trading of stolen goods in stores where criminals may be able to trade items discreetly and without many questions.

This will affect many local Shaker businesses, including the CD/Game Exchange.

Laurie Whitehead, manager of CD/Game Exchange at Van Aken Center, doesn't feel there is a big problem with stolen CDs at her store.

"The law will only affect people who do not have state IDs," she said. "About 182,000 used CDs circulate through the store every year. And we sell a lot more used CDs than new CDs."

Freshman Dorian Gaston has difficulty understanding the purpose of the new law.

"It really sucks a lot because I won't be able to get money for any of my old tapes or CDs unless I get a stupid state ID," said Gaston. "I might still do business at CD/Game Exchange, if they have a CD that I want for a good price."

"The new law is a bit of a hassle, but we have to abide by it," said manager of Record Revolution, Robert Pryor. "We can't take underage trades anymore, or trades from people without IDs. It won't affect us all that much — at least it won't drive us out of business."

Despite this, Pryor agrees with the principles behind the law.

"Most of the goods are legit, so the law really isn't a problem. If the people know the CDs they're selling, then they are legit. I like the fact that now we can take a drivers license — we can be sure that the goods are not stolen," he said.

"It won't affect me at all because I sell stuff to other people. I'm a hustlin' man," sophomore Scott MacClaren said.

"I've heard about that new law, and I think it's a bunch of bull dung. It's a hassle to have an ID, plus I don't always have my state ID," sophomore Jason Brazzell said.



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Resale stores, like Half-Price Books at Van Aken Center, are now required to ask for a state ID when accepting books, CDs and records from customers, hoping to cut down on the sale of stolen goods.

Shaker property owner to apply for bed and breakfast permit

By Becca Wolf
Staff reporter

Jerry Suggs, owner of a Lee Road mansion in Shaker, recently announced plans to convert his 18-room mansion into a bed and breakfast hotel.

Suggs asked the city to rezone his property from a residential one to a commercial building on May 1.

If his request goes through and his property is rezoned, Suggs' proposed bed and breakfast would be the first of its kind in Shaker.

Freshman Rachel Morgenstern-

"It would be nice for people staying in Shaker from out of town because there are no bed and breakfasts by us."

RACHEL MORGENSTERN-CLARREN
freshman

Clarren thinks a bed and breakfast is an idea that is definitely worth considering.

"It would be nice for people staying in Shaker from out of town because there are no bed

and breakfasts by us," said Morgenstern-Clarren.

Many neighbors of Suggs are concerned about the noise and added traffic that would be brought with the bed and breakfast.

City planner Dan Feinstein assures Shaker residents that the planning commission will take all aspects of the situation into account. This would include the interests of Suggs' neighbors, the history of the mansion, the community, and the history of Shaker as a noncommercial community.



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If the commercial permit is given, this mansion on Lee Road will become a bed and breakfast. It will be the first of its kind in Shaker.

District wants to use taxes for verification of students' residences

By Joseph Tartakoff
Staff reporter

The Shaker Heights School District has asked city council to approve a measure that would allow the school system to use tax information to verify that students live within the district.

During the past year, the district has had to withdraw 44 students who were caught falsifying their addresses in order to attend Shaker Schools.

The majority of those lived within areas under the jurisdiction of Cleveland City schools.

"We are trying to get in front of this issue. This is a matter of state law," said district communications director Peggy Caldwell. "Parents who falsify their residency are defrauding taxpayers."

Under the proposed plan, upon registration parents would sign a waiver allowing the school district to look at their tax information.

Shaker would only have access to addresses on tax forms, not financial statements.

"This would never become our sole means of determining residency. This is just one more way. We currently require parents to show two proofs of residency when they register their children," Caldwell said.

"Not only is it illegal, it also forces children to live a lie if they don't live inside the district but use Shaker schools."

FREDA LEVENSON
school board president

Since the beginning of the school year, the district has investigated over 200 students for possible false residency.

The majority were found to be legal.

"I think there are more important things for the school district to consider," sophomore Kevin Gallagher said.

Freshman Tim Archer disagreed with this statement.

"They really should crack down on illegal students because they are using my parents' money to pay for their own education," he said.

Sophomore Esha Hand echoed Archer's view.

"I really don't think it's fair because my parents are paying taxes," she said. "If they're coming here for free, then I should be able to as well."

In 1985, the district centralized the registration process at the Administration Building on Parkland Road.

Beachwood posts colorful crosswalk signs

By Liza Moody
Staff reporter

Beachwood has put up fluorescent yellow crosswalk signs to draw attention to crosswalks.

The effects of the signs have been proven.

"Lots of people called and thought they were new signs," Beachwood Public Service Director Dale Pekarek said.

The signs have grabbed Shaker's attention.

"It's beneficial because

many people don't pay attention to crosswalks," sophomore Andrea Thoennes said.

Students are not sure whether Shaker should post similar signs.

"If accidents at crosswalks become a problem, then maybe we should consider it," Webb said.

"They are ugly and the other signs work fine, so why waste money?" sophomore Mike Shenk said.



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The new crosswalk signs, like this one, are fluorescent yellow and are designed to draw attention to the crosswalks.

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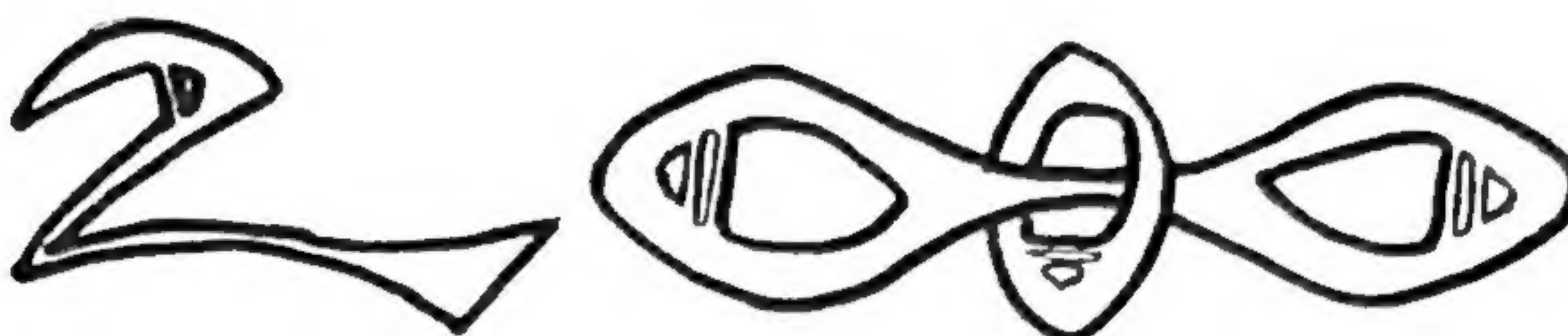
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Corporate greed harms demonstrators

While the World Bank met in Washington last week, protest-ers peacefully pointed out the damaging effects this organization wreaks on third world nations. While demonstrators urged re-spect for civil rights abroad, our government failed to honor non-violent opposition at home. Instead, they prepared for battle.

As reported by the Associated Press, protesters were mali-ciously sprayed with tear and pepper gas, clubbed, hit, dragged by police cars and arrested even before the first banners and signs could be raised. Quietly, activists and anarch-ists alike prepared for their demonstration in a warehouse, which was quickly shut down by the police for no apparent reason. Since when does the American government not uphold First Amendment rights?

Furthering the hypocrisy were police-fabricated scenarios put forth to legitimize brutality and arrests. 600 people were incarcerated for seven days for such ridiculous charges as fire code violations, crossing a police line or failing to show a per-mit for puppets expressing anti-World Bank messages.

However, according to the police, protesters all peacefully agreed to join together for the mass arrest. Yet, protester Laura Ennis told the *Washington Times* that federal marshalls kicked and threatened people. "I felt physically endangered the whole time," said Ennis.

While in jail the protesters were split apart, denied proper

sustenance and assigned to court appointed attorneys in spite of requesting their own.

U.S. marshalls reportedly told those arrested that they were to be sent to a D. C. jail where they would be raped, beaten and given AIDS or murdered by "faggots" and "niggers." Are these the best law enforcement officers that American tax dol-lars can hire?

Repeatedly, our government's involvement with developing nations proves only that greed and profit are the overriding in-terests compelling bureaucratic intervention.

Although politicians claim World Bank investments help raise the standard of living in countries where clean drinking wa-ter is considered a luxury, they are in fact serving the interests of large corporations. Those companies kick struggling native farmers off their land then proceed to rape and pillage the land while forcing those farmers to work for wages far, far below subsistence levels.

Isn't it wonderful that the United States government pro-motes such immoral and unethical behavior (while denying free speech) in the guise of lending a helping hand?

The *Washington Times* also reported that David Rutstein, chairman of the Greater Washington Board of Trade said, "People's confidence in the government has been markedly in-creased."

Yeah, right!

the TOP 10

Signs you're not graduating

- 10 Last time you passed a class Michael Jackson was black.
- 9 You constantly neglect your studies to date your boyfriend Bob Hope
- 8 You're older than Mr Rogers
- 7 You're still calling shorts "daisy dukes"
- 6 The F on your English paper is accompanied by a note saying "you should try doing drugs instead of coming to class"
- 5 Burger King is your only recruiter
- 4 You see your picture in the hallway with a sign saying "some students love Shaker so much they don't want to leave"
- 3 Your guidance counselor puts you in charge of senior pranks forever
- 2 Your grandma calls all of her friends and says, "I love my grandson but the moron is not going to graduate"

And the #1 sign you're not going to graduate is...

Your name is Joe and the prom theme is "Joe, you're not graduating ha ha ha!"

letters to THE EDITOR

Scanlon misrepresented in abortion article

To the editor:

As I read the front page article "Abortion issue hits home" in the March 31 issue of *The Shakerite*, I was frustrated by the misrepresentations of my comments. In the article I was placed in the category of "some faculty and students [who] felt that the protest had no place at the high school." When speaking with the reporters the morning of the protest, I said, "I don't know if the high school is the most effective place for the anti-abortion group to demonstrate." Though later, after reading the demonstrator's literature, I fully understand their reasons for choosing the high school as a site to voice their opinions. I never said, and would never say, that the protesters should not demonstrate here. I feel that they had a right to be on public property, and I feel they accomplished what they set out to do: to make people more aware of some of the possible outcomes of an abortion, and to express their view that abortion is wrong.

William J. Scanlon

Joe Camel murders with his misleading ads

• Student tells story of years with squares and a burning throat

By Alexandra Spivey

Guest writer

While the reasons to quit smoking are endless, more and more young people make the decision to light up every day. In



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fact the statistic is 5000 a day in the U.S. Forty percent of these will go on to become regular smokers say the University of California. Which I believe is entirely unacceptable. In the past, corny after school specials and dopey looking cartoon characters have warned us that it's "not cool to smoke." These attempts by the middle ages as well as do gooder pre-teens, in my opinion, have not only annoyed us but given us more reason to drive past Michael's Diner and pick up a pack of Reds as soon as the bell rings at the end of tenth period. Many researchers speculate that young people start smoking because of peer pressure and the glamorization of smoking on television, movies and in advertisements. I think that's BS, or as Mr. Pollack likes to put it, bad stuff. At the age of about 11 or 12, when we were not yet addicted, we were smoking merely because we could. I personally enjoyed the

smoke patterns and, yeah, there were those freaks that got off on the smell, but basically we were proud to be naughty. Holding a lit cigarette in my hand and blowing smoke on the "good kids" not only gave me a rush, but differentiated me from the hundreds of other students who sported their Wild About Woodbury T-shirts. I was bad, I was a rebel and now I can't make it to the third floor without taking breaks.

I smoke now because I feel as though it's as necessary as eating. I smoke now because if I don't I am depressed, hungry and tremble. I smoke now because I'm an addict. It is no longer as cool as that stupid cartoon camel promised. It smells, it's expensive and it puts tell-tale holes in all of my laundry. My throat aches endlessly along with my heart and lungs, an oh yes, I can seriously feel them deteriorating. I want to stop but simply don't know how. And this is the reason why I stress never to start.

Smoking is not fun. It doesn't make you

high or popular, it just gives you something burning hot to throw at preps. Smoking doesn't end your problems, get you that crush

you've been after since forever, but it does force you to lie to people who truly love you. If the risks of heart disease, lung cancer, emphysema and the death of two of my grandparents isn't enough to make me or you stop, then what is?

Nothing should ever rule your life the way smoking now rules mine

Oh yeah, my whole circle of friends has changed because of this habit which everyday seems more and more like a terminal illness.

Where I once looked for reliability, humor and truthfulness, I now look for a life-altering addiction. My friends now are all very heavy smokers. Why? Because my old friends actually cared about my health and urged me to quit. I repaid them by not returning phone calls and sitting at the different lunch table which is no longer a table, it's a triangle. My new friends never bug me about smoking, they merely laugh at my jokes and hack up phlegm.

Each year smoking kills more people than AIDS, alcohol, drug abuse, car crashes, murders, suicides and fires combined, and now it's killing me.



Sayaka Fujita/The Shakerite

Freedom of speech in question in South Carolina

• State has the right to hang Confederate flag on capital's lawn

One of the hotter topics during the presidential primaries earlier this year, the issue of the Confederate flag hanging outside the capital building in South Carolina has brought about many opinions and views. Several weeks ago the Senate began pushing for a bill to pass banning the flag from the state house dome, propitiating the protesters of the flag. Among the supporters of discarding the flag, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been most vocal about bringing the flag down.

"I'm ashamed of the legislature," said NAACP national field director Nelson Rivers in a CNN.com article. Rivers went on to describe the general assembly, the only force that can remove the flag, as "an embarrassment." Recently, tennis player Serena Williams, a black American, withdrew from the Family Sports Cup in protest of the flag.

How long has this flag been up? Not since the Civil war, but since the



Rob Rains
Staff reporter

Civil rights movement in 1962. In 1961, a black member of the New Jersey delegation was denied access to a hotel in South Carolina. Because of this incident, President Kennedy transferred the meeting to a nearby naval base. This infuriated the South Carolina delegation, causing it

to succeed and hold what it called the "Confederate States centennial Conference," complete with the Confederate flag. The flag was repositioned a year later in defiance of the civil rights movement. Basically, South Carolina was using actions and not words to show their feelings towards equal rights for black Americans.

This is not the first time that South Carolina has been under criticism by the public. Until recently, South Carolina was the only state that didn't recognize Martin Luther King Day as a holiday, instead they referred to "Confederate day," a day that was set aside to honor Confederate soldiers.

This is also not the first time that there have been attempts to bring the flag down. In 1995, then, South Carolina Governor David Beasley tried to get Congress to pass a law banning the flag from being hung in government buildings. Fellow Republicans denied Beasley in his attempts and the flag remained.

The issue of free speech and state rights is at hand. On the one hand, many people regard the Confederate flag as a symbol of oppression and slavery but on the other hand many regard it as tribute to the soldiers that

died fighting for the South in the Civil War. Just like the Ku Klux Klan, a group of bigots, they can voice their opinions and say what they want about blacks and Jews; South Carolina has a right to fly this flag in their government building.

Though it offends people, they must realize that our system of law allows the freedom to choose and to speak without worrying about unfair persecution.

I think that the Southern politicians were wrong for defying the Civil rights movement. They, of all people, should understand what it is like to fight for something they believe in. Though slavery is wrong, I do not feel that the Confederate flag needs to be removed, it has

not disrupted anyone's life and only endorses what I am sure many South Carolinians do not agree with.

South Carolina can have their flag; they can also have their failing tourism and losses of millions of dollars by people boycotting the state in favor of the NAACP.

Those are just some of the repercussions of having the flag hung. If they feel that strongly about honoring Confederate soldiers, leave it as a symbol of heritage and a part of our history.

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Students overuse excuses to avoid blame

• Failures and shortcomings are the fault of individuals, not the system

By Justin Gurney and Allison Pollock

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Your grades are only dropping because your teachers hate you. You smoke weed and drink every weekend because there's nothing else fun to do. You were arrested because the police just love to harass teenagers and oh yeah, and your principal suspended you because he thinks you are a bad seed and he loves picking on you.

This is what students at the high school do best; make excuses. It may be human nature to make excuses for our failures, and this defense mechanism may make us instantaneously feel better. The only problem is, making an excuse doesn't change what you already did. Jean Paul Sartre was right when he said "Man is no more than the sum of his ac-

tions."

No excuse will really excuse your actions. Excuses, at absolute most, explain why you acted the way you did. You failed your math class and that is that. All your teacher did was tell you your grade, which they didn't GIVE you, you EARNED it. If

you have lower grades than you want, then work as hard as you can to try to improve your grades, don't linger on the fact that you failed at your goal.

What about those protectors of the law at the police department? Whether you call them "rollers," "pigs," or "pos," they arrest you for illegal

action, not for being an annoying teenager. Even if you think a law is a bad law, you can prevent getting arrested by having the common sense not to break the law. You can hate the police all you want,

but if you are smoking chronic in your car, you are breaking a law and deserve to get arrested. No excuse can save you. Funny how most of the time students complain about cops hating teenagers, teenagers are actually breaking laws.

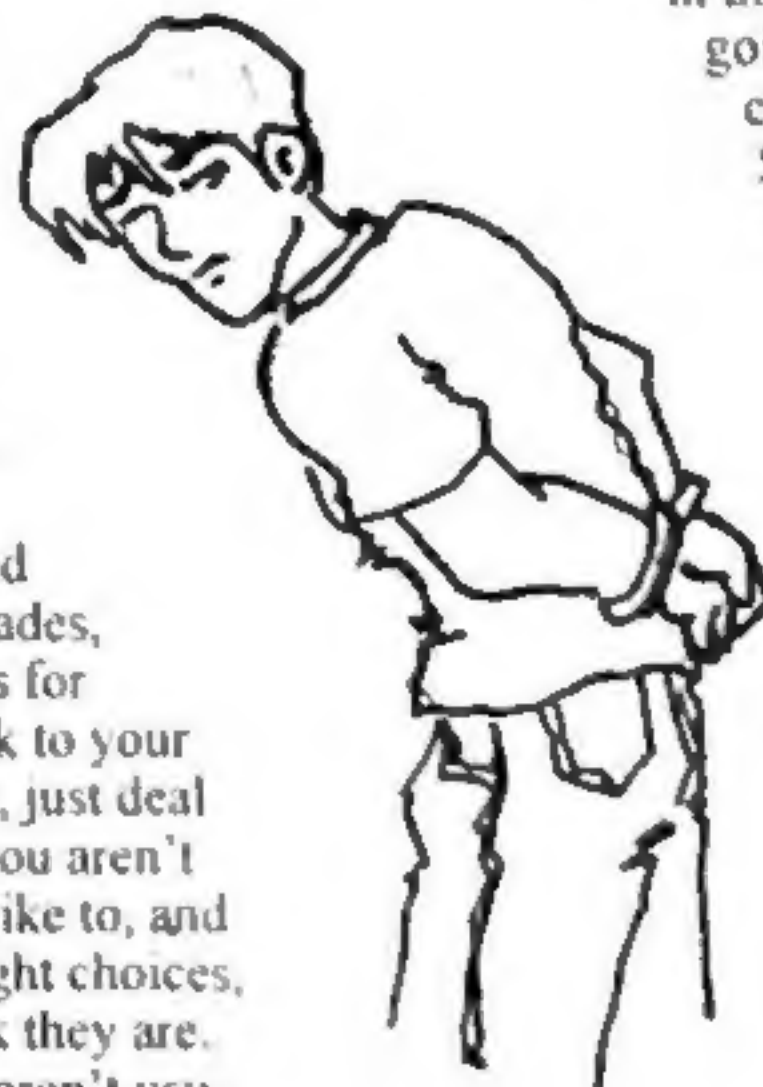
If you're arrested and getting bad grades, don't make excuses for yourself, don't look to your friends for excuses, just deal with the fact that you aren't doing what you'd like to, and start making the right choices, whatever you think they are.

Shaker parents aren't usually much help in the excuses arena either. If their little angel has strayed from his/her path

to perfection, parents abound with excuses! "It's really hard to be a teenager in this day and age." "Timmy has been going through a rough time socially." Who cares! Sure, for SOME, reasons may exist to make it easier to fail, but they are in no way, shape or form, excuses.

If you are engaging in self-destructive or illegal activities, think about how useless and probably detrimental making an excuse really is. Your act is wrong, and no excuse is going to change that. Excuses just give you the illusion that what you are doing is acceptable, but really it is not!

Excuses only lead to more failure. Instead of making excuses, work hard, follow the laws, stick to your morals, and learn to take responsibility for your own inadequacies.



Emily Phillips/The Shakerite

Schutter closes the shutters on Shaker

• Physics teacher John Schutter chose Shaker over Columbine High School during the Vietnam war draft

By Rob Rains
Staff reporter

After 32 years of inspired teaching, John Schutter has decided to call it quits.

The physics teacher, who chose his career because of a government-sponsored master's degree program, has been teaching students about astronomy and physical science since 1968.

Schutter readily admits that much has changed since he first arrived at Shaker. The biggest difference is in student appreciation. "They were very respectful," Schutter said of the students he first taught. "I miss kids who would be like 'Gimme some homework tonight'."

teacher FEATURE

After establishing himself as a dedicated teacher at the high school, Schutter began devoting his summers to the Ohio Research Facility.

"Back in the energy crisis in the '70s, there was a shortage of energy resource," Schutter said. "Seven, eight years into [teaching], I started working industry in the summertime. The Arab Oil embargo, started in 1973, caused high prices for gasoline, and Ohio Research was left with a huge task."

Schutter enjoyed his job at the research center, but after three summers he came to a crossroads.

"At that point I said, 'Well what do I like doing? Teaching or research?' And I quickly chose teaching."

It's hard to believe that one of Shaker's most respected teachers stumbled into his



John Schutter, who will retire at the end of this year after teaching in Shaker for 32 years, helps senior Tiffany Williams understand the reflection and refraction of light waves.

profession. With military service during the Vietnam War a likely possibility, Schutter needed a way to avoid the draft. On choosing to teach, Schutter said, "I had my way paid through grad school. Shaker got me out of the draft."

Another twist of fate may have spared Schutter grief. In 1972, he received an offer from a lackluster suburban high school in Denver that was trying to rebuild. He and his wife thought it over and ultimately decided to stay at Shaker.

Had it not been for this decision to work at Shaker, Schutter might have been teaching at the now famous Columbine High School today.

As a student growing up in Iowa, Schutter excelled in math and science,

while struggling in English and foreign languages. On his tenure at Shaker, Schutter explained it by saying, "There's always new stuff to try and do."

Students rave about Schutter. "He's a great teacher and a really nice man," said senior Joy Nims. "The school will be losing something with him not being there."

Rod MacCleod, head of the science department agrees.

"It's going to be awhile before we start to get all the nooks and crannies that he was involved with, his areas of expertise are so broad and not just limited to physics."

MacCleod went on to call Schutter's role at the high school, "a big pair of shoes to fill," but he remains optimistic that the science department will carry on. "I'm confident that we've got people to come in and fill the job."

Schutter credits most of his success as a high school teacher to his fellow teachers in the Shaker school system. "The only reason I have felt successful at the twelfth grade level is because of the quality teaching in other grades."

"I miss kids who would be like 'Gimme some homework tonight'!"

JOHN SCHUTTER
Science teacher

Evelyn
Wisham



Nurse Evelyn Wisham, who for 21 years has administered Band-Aids, baking soda and advice to sickly and class-cutting students, has decided to throw in the gauze. She shared her wit and wisdom with *The Shakerite*.

What made you decide to retire?

"I'm leaving because it's time. I want to retire while I still have enough [time] to do the things I want to do."

What are your future plans?

"I am going to plan a family reunion for my mother's side."

Why?

Wisham said she has a large family. "My biggest fear used to be that one of my kids would meet one of their cousins and fall in love."

What will you miss the most about the high school?

"I'll miss the kids. I just think they're comical, trying to get out of class."

Tell us about some of your funniest moments.

Wisham said that couple of boys have come in with their privates stuck in their zippers. Others have had self-induced fits of asthma or vomiting just to get out of class.

"I've had them have asthma attacks. Those are the funny ones. Some girls come in with menstrual cramps three or four times a month."

What do you want to be remembered for?

"I'm known for baking soda and water. We didn't always have Maalox and Mylanta."

Do you have a final message to leave with the school?

Yes.

Well, what is it?

"If it's not wet and it's not yours, don't touch it."

Neil Auerbach

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I got your prank right here

By Jesse
Griffiths
Feature co-editor

Sigh, the end of the year (a tear trickles down the side of my face - ha! Hardly!). At least it's the end for project bound seniors who, come this afternoon, will be off like a prom dress.

This is the time of year when mischief runs rampant through the halls and pranksters say good-bye to their home of the last four years. I've seen many pranks in my time, and now, to help you underclassmen in your future endeavors, I've compiled a list of less than perfect antics.

Smoke or stink bombs: Oh yeah, that's cool. Not only are the super-relaxing aromatherapy benefits wonderful for your complexion, but the whole idea is original, too. Nobody's *EVER* thought of stink bombs before. *NEVER*.

Vaseline on the railings: Amazing! Bravo! You'll get those fools for sure with this one. Arrive early in the morning and cover the railings in all of the stairwells with a thin layer of Vaseline. Later in the day, when others who are not yet worthy of the title *senior* are walking to class, they will place their hands on the railings and presto! All the goo will be on their hands! HA! The young'uns won't have the presence of mind or the worldly experience to walk to the bathroom and wash it off.



Hint: Write a note on your hand not to touch the railings, how dumb would you look duped by your own goop?

Live animals: They're always fun! No one expects a cow on the third floor, or crickets in the cafeteria. I know! We'll get two pigs, see, and label them *one* and *three*. Then, all day (hee hee) those fools will run around looking for porker number two. Little do they know, there is no pig number two. Ha! Where do I come up with this stuff? Hey, I know, maybe Mr. Mitchell will send everyone home for fear of the deranged, phantom swine.

Sand. Lots of sand: You know what would be cool, guys? If everyone bought a bag of sand! Then, see, we dump it out all over the new parking lot. There are many benefits to this one. First of all, every stray cat in the nation would consider this prank a litterbox haven. I like kitty cats. Plus, it would be like a beach! Get it? Huh? Get it?

Now I see this prank as the most likely to occur, simply because the organization and communication within the senior class is so stellar that it will be planned well before the last week of school. I am not going to lie. I see great things ahead for this prank, like volleyball, sandcastles and dune buggies.

I hope my examples will aid you during your senior year. If you have any questions or comments, I'm on the patch of grass formerly known as the front lawn, basking in the sun and playing Frisbee. It's good to be gone! It's been swell, Shaker. I'm outta here. Jesus and I love you.

Minors party down... town

• High school students can party all night in the Flats

By Marianne Cronin
Staff reporter

It's Friday night. You run out of people to date, there aren't any parties and you're sick of watching TGIF.

But alas, poor minors, fear no more! The flats offer good, clean under-age fun to last all weekend. From concerts and festivals to restaurants galore, both the East and West banks have something to offer everyone.

"The flats are convenient because of the rapid, and the idea of easy access to concerts and meeting new people outside of Shaker are cool," junior Anne Root said.

For \$1.50 each way, you can eliminate costly parking and save your parents from playing taxi.

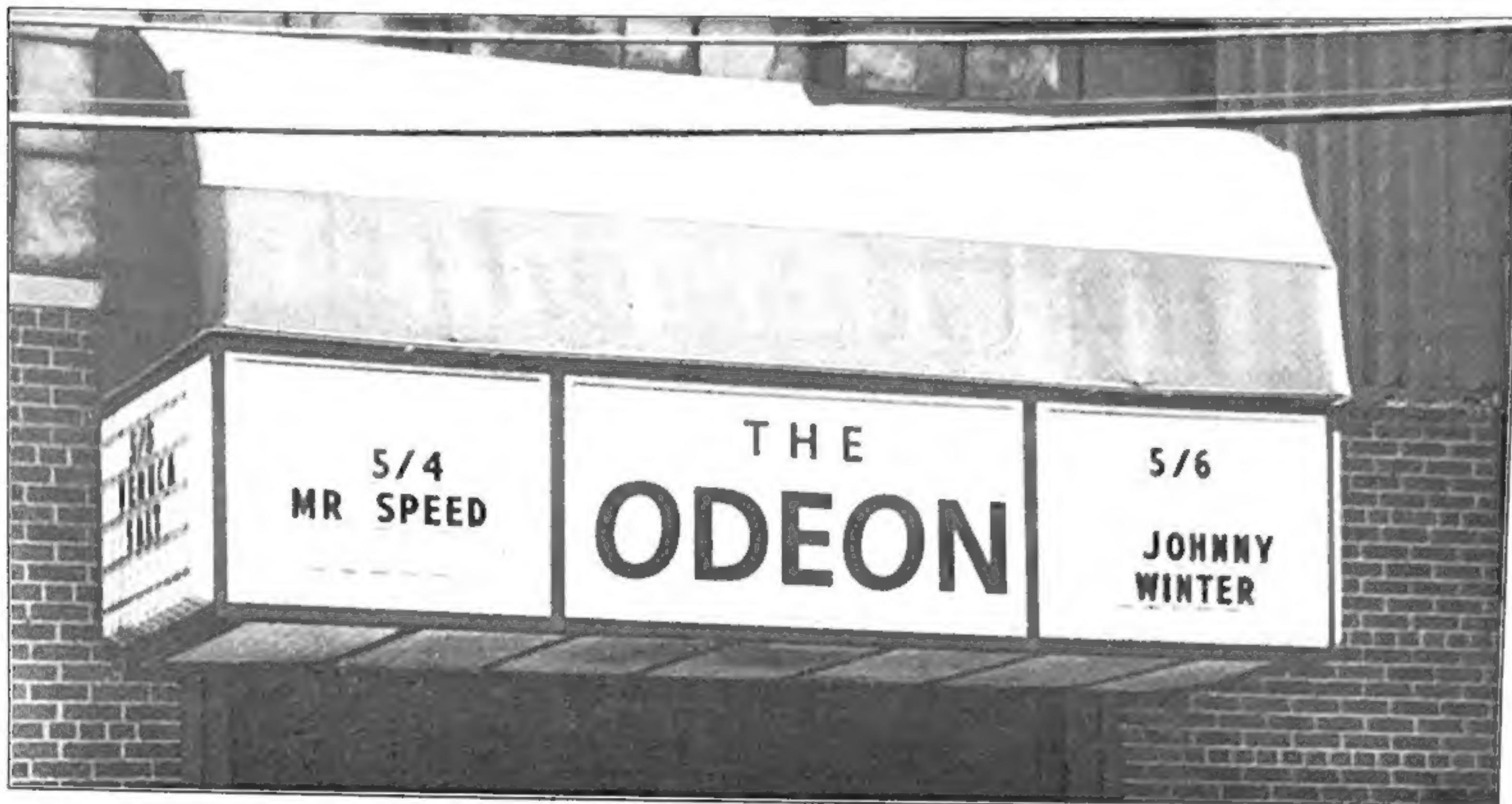
The Odeon, located on Old River Road on the East Bank, is home to a variety of musical entertainment. Concert-goers under 21, however, must pay an extra \$2 at the door because their livers will not be investing in the wonderful effects of beer.

"Every show that we have here is for all ages," said promotions manager Brandon Brutton. "Music is for everybody."

"I like to go see Ekoostic Hookah down at the Odeon," sophomore Dave Rupp said. "Since there's not much to do in Shaker, the flats provide much more of a night life."

"Every year in January we do high school bands," Brutton said. Sixty-three bands heat up the Odeon for four weekends during this cold month. On the fifth week, the best three bands from each weekend compete for the finals.

Peabody's Down Under, also on Old River Road, opens its doors to minors on Friday and Saturday nights for Battle of the Bands. On given weekends you



The Odeon, located on Old River Road on the East Bank of the Flats, "brings musical culture into Cleveland," said promotions manager Brandon Brutton. The general admission concert club opens its doors to all ages. However, don't plan on strolling to the bar for anything more than a root beer.

can see Shaker students perform, and listen to all types of music.

Across the oh-so-clean Cuyahoga River is the West Bank of the Flats. The primary venue on this side is The Nautica Entertainment Complex. Divided into three sections, The Powerhouse, The Sugar Warehouse, and Nautica Stage, the restored warehouse takes up most of Elm Street along the river.

The Powerhouse is home to TGI Friday's, Lolly the Trolley and Cleveland's largest arcade, Power Play. Both Friday's and Power Play are underage friendly, but each have restricted hours for non-drinkers.

Right next door is the Sugar Warehouse, which houses

Jillian's, Shooters and Panini's, proud home of the over-stuffed sandwich.

"The best part of Panini's is sitting on the patio overlooking the river. It's really nice in the summertime," junior Allyson Weaver said.

Jillian's is a bar and pool hall, which is accessible for those under 21 until 9 p.m. All you need is a hand stamp to be able to play on one of their 22 tables.

Shooters is the kind of place you want to go when you are being wine and dined. Next time you go on a date, ask to go to Shooters.

"A lot of couples come here to sit next to the windows and by the river," said hostess Tonya,

who chose not to reveal her surname.

Shooters, like Jillians, begins to card at 9 p.m. once they get busy. But they have plenty to offer the minors, especially during the summer.

"We have DJs in the summer. We have live bands. Depending on the weather, we have it out on the patio," Tonya said. "We do have bikini contests on Saturdays [2-5 p.m.] during the summer. Pretty much anyone can come."

With its 4,100 seats, Nautica stage is the mother of concert halls in the Flats. This amphitheater is open to all ages. During the summer there are concerts almost nightly, and you can check



out a listing by logging on to www.nauticafats.com.

The Flats are a great place for entertainment. Even we minors can have more fun there than a piggy in a mud hole.

DREADING THE DAY WHEN BIG BIRD FLIES THE COOP



Senior Nate Shepard (center) poses with his two younger siblings (left Matt, right sophomore Nicki). Shepard will be leaving for school in the fall, the family prepares to say goodbye, and adjust to any changes they may face.

By Leah Kaufman
Staff reporter

It's the springtime, and for some families that means finding out where a sibling is going to college in the fall.

In addition to being an intensely stressful time for seniors, it can also be extremely devastating to a younger kid losing what might have been their biggest role model and best friend.

"I'll really miss her," said sophomore Julia Cooperman, whose sister Elizabeth will attend Northwestern in the fall. "She's my only sister, and I don't know what life will be like without her there all the time. When I think I can't confide in anyone, she's always there to give me advice and cheer me up."

"He is a great listener," sophomore Nicki Shepherd said of her brother Nate. "The thing I admire most about him is that he always has fun no matter where he goes, or who he's with. He has the ability to make the best of all situations."

Then again, having an older sibling out of the house can bring a sigh of relief to youngsters left behind in the shelter of their parents.

"My brother is mean to me," said sophomore Alana Allen about her brother, Steven Lovejoy. "But, that's normal. He steals the phone from me, he leaves me out of things, he's self-

ish and he has an attitude problem."

Sophomore Jamison Brizendine said he sees good and bad in his sister Meredith's pending departure.

"An advantage is there will be fewer fights. The disadvantage is that she was fun to be around."

Some kids wonder who will get them into those senior parties when they lose their older sibling connections.

"I probably won't know of some things to do on the weekend," said sophomore Lauren White, who will be saying goodbye to sister Sarah this fall.

When seniors go off to college, some baby brothers and sisters have first shot at the car on the weekend, a new bedroom and their very own bathroom.

"I'll get the car and the bathroom to myself, and we won't fight over the phone," Cooperman said. Along with more access to perks such as the car, the new rules can also bring about a lot more responsibility.

"I will just get more laundry to fold," said Brizendine.

It can also mean that the blame can no longer be passed to the older and, supposedly, more responsible sibling.

"My parents are going to focus more on me and I'm sure that they'll be a lot more critical,"

Cooperman said. "They're going to have more time to nitpick at everything that's wrong with me."

Over-though, the younger siblings agree that they will miss their siblings once they're gone despite any ongoing battles they have or harsh feelings festering for one another.

"I'm really going to miss her when she leaves," White said. "She's helped me so much with so many things."

"I will miss him a lot," Allen said. "He's my brother, and I wish him the best in all that he does. No matter how mean he is to me, I still won't hold it against him."



Dan Moody/The Shakerite

WHO WANTS TO BE A...

In an age when *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* and *Greed* rule TV, you can't help wanting to be rich. Why is America so money crazed?

by Julie Redline
Staff reporter

"Money drives everything," said senior Lawrence Mahoney.

Seemingly, money is indeed ubiquitous in our society. One of the most popular TV shows in America is a game show in which the contestants answer trivia questions hoping to win \$1 million. In addition, over the past five months, newspapers have been swamped by headlines of a 6-year-old Cuban boy who many think should remain in America simply because of wealth of our country. Furthermore, one of the troubling questions weighing on the minds of many students right now is how they will finance their \$100,000-plus college educations.

Money has become increasingly influential in the lifestyles of Americans in recent years. "There is research evidence that people are spending more time working and their efforts to earn money are consuming more of their time," said Claudia Coulton, a professor at Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences.

Academics Sheldon Stein, associate professor of economics at Cleveland State University, money has three basic functions in our society. "Money serves as a medium of exchange, a unit of count and a store of value," Stein said.

Being a medium of exchange is the

major function of money. As opposed to trading goods for goods, or services for goods, as in a bartering economy, a set currency equalizes buying and selling. It allows everybody to trade from the same starting point.

"Without these functions, doing business would be a lot more difficult," Stein said.

As it is, money, with its helpful functions and all, creates a lot of issues for people. According to Coulton, money may appear to be more of a problem now than in the past due to the growing gap between the rich and the poor. Over the

past 10 years, the rich have become richer and the poor have become poorer, while the middle class is shrinking. According to the Public Broadcasting System, the current gap between the rich and the poor in the United States is larger than in any other industrial nation.

"Money has more serious consequences now because, for the poor, the situation has become a lot more desperate," Coulton said.

Some students feel that the overwhelming desire for money is driven by the abundance of luxuries in modern society.

"With all this new technology, we want more and spend more," said senior Miranda Acree, who added that

money plays too large a role in society.

Sophomore Lisa Joseph agrees that society's developments have brought about a change in the way people think of money. "I think less of Americans' morals have played a role in recent years," she said. "Money has become more important, and things like family have become less important. I think a lot of people will give up what they want for a certain amount of money."

A recent PBS survey lends some support to that sentiment. It was found that,

"on average, Americans shop six hours a week and spend only 40 minutes playing with their children."

Coulton describes this problem as a lost sense of community. Because people are spending so much time working and the gap between rich and poor is widening, they have less time for human relationships.

Part of the reason that money has become such a high priority is because many consider it a major factor in how others perceive them.

"You get judged by how much money you have, what you wear and what kind of car you drive," Mahoney said.

Freshman Angel Lumpkin said that although she would not choose money over family, she definitely would

choose it over friends. "Friends are not as important to me as money because you can't survive without money," Lumpkin said. "People without money are unhappy because they have nothing to look forward to."

Part of this sense of hopelessness can be attributed to a particular type of psychological problem that involves excessive spending and debt. According to Coulton, many people experience depression and turn to counselling to overcome such problems.

One indicator in society of this growing psychological problem is the growing instance of personal bankruptcies. A 1997 PBS survey showed 1.1 million Americans declared personal bankruptcies. That figure will exceed the number of 2000 college graduates.

Still, there are still students who place money at the bottom of their list of values.

"I don't see money as that important compared to happiness and love," said junior Jennifer Miron. "I'm going to choose a job that I enjoy doing, not one that I'll make a lot of money doing."

Regardless of their views on money in their personal lives, many students enjoy the high stakes game shows.

ABC's *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* was the first and most successful of the recent game shows that offer contestants the chance to win \$1 million. On March 5, 2000, *Millionaire* won the TV Guide award for the favorite game show of the year.

Spin-offs aired by other networks include the game shows *21* and *Greed*. Acree said the shows are harmless and simply entertaining.

"I don't think [the game shows] are bad," she said. "I mean, I'd like to win a million."

IF I HAD A MILLION DOLLARS...

Students and faculty speak up about what they would do and buy if they were rolling in dough

"First I would buy my girlfriend anything she wanted. Then, I would invest in stocks for my retirement."



BRANDON PROCTOR,
JUNIOR

"I'd buy 50 different houses: [including] a castle in Ireland, and a mansion in New York."

RACHEL
SHATTEN,
FRESHMAN

"If I had a million dollars, I would pay for college, buy my mommy and daddy a house, and then go shopping."



LAUREN CHERRY,
JUNIOR

"If I had a million dollars, I wouldn't be living here anymore."

ARI
MARCELLINO,
FRESHMAN

MILLIONAIRE?

THE SOURCE OF ALL WEALTH

Money doesn't grow on trees. In the U.S., it comes from the world's largest coin maker — the Mint.

by Lisa Silver
Centerpiece co-editor

For all those people who have the millionaire bug, the route to success is clear—rob the U.S. mint. That is, as long as they don't mind being millionaires in jail.

The U.S. Mint, headquartered in Washington D.C., is the world's largest manufacturer of coins and medals. With \$1 billion in annual revenues and 2,200 employees, there isn't much of a chance that any money-crazed robbers will be able to smuggle away big bucks. But, if they're lucky, they'll be able to catch a glimpse of the latest golden \$1 coin being made.

In the United States Dollar Coin Act of 1997, Congress authorized a new coin to replace the Susan B. Anthony silver dollar coin, which wasn't used much by the average American. This new, decidedly gold coin, was intricately designed by the Dollar Coin Design Advisory Committee. The DCDAC is comprised of a variety of people, including a member of Congress, a university president and a sculptor. After a design was thought up, the Mint invited members of the public to review the new dollar coin. The coin proved to be a smashing success: so far, the demand has reached one billion coins.

"They are good for the economy because the coins won't rip like dollars, so less money will be ruined," said freshman Jacqueline Meese. "But, they're also bad, since they're heavier than dollar bills."

Although the dollar coin now sports the portrait of the Shoshone woman Sacajawea, who helped guide the Lewis and Clark expedition, the change didn't have anything to do with a dislike for Susan B. Anthony.

"It was changed because the Susan Bs were getting mixed up with quarters," said Donna Pinkney, operating manager of Key Bank's Cedar-Warrensville office.

Soon after the Dollar Coin Act, the 50 State Quarters Program was launched. Over the course of ten years, the

program will produce 50 different quarters, representing each of the states. Five coins will be released a year, in the order that the states were admitted to the Union. Since the state quarters were first released in 1999, the mint has stopped making the traditional eagle quarter and will not begin again until 2008.

The Mint is self-funded, so no additional tax money is used for the new coins.

However, there are some coins that only come at a cost. Commemorative coins, which are only available directly from the Mint, celebrate American people, places and events.

Each commemorative coin is available for a limited time, and the money made from the sales goes to organizations and programs geared toward helping different communities. One commemorative coin in circulation now is the Yellow Stone National Park Silver Dollar.

Commemorative coins aren't the only coins that can't be found at the bank. The

state coins are asked for every day, and the golden dollar coins are so popular that most

banks run out a short while after receiving them. Plus, when

people finally do get their hands on the coins, they don't want to give them up. "The problem is that people are holding on to [the golden dollar coins] and collecting them instead of putting them into circulation like they are supposed to be," Pinkney said.

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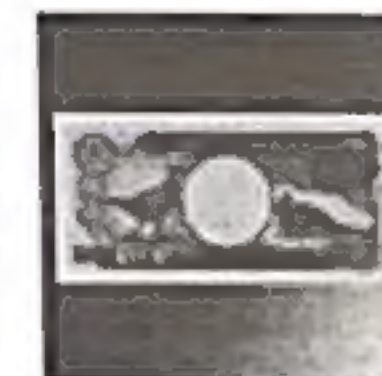
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Just say no to drugs and questions

• Police have the right to question minors, but in most cases, juveniles have the right to remain silent

By Allison Pollock

Co-editor in chief

"Dude, one time, I was just driving and a cop pulled me over. I wasn't high or anything and he decided to get me out of the car and search. I had some bud in my glove compartment and I got busted for it. He didn't have the right to search me, I

don't think. I paid the fine, did the community service, and that was that."

Did the officer have the right to search? What rights do students have? What consequences are possible? And what discrepancy exists between police statistics and student perception? This anonymous student's story is a glimpse into the confusion surrounding these questions.

Of course, it is illegal to use or possess marijuana. According to Chris Maher, assistant public defender in the Cuyahoga County juvenile division, possessing up to 100 grams of marijuana is a minor misdemeanor for juveniles or adults.

However, contrary to many responses to an informal survey given to three homerooms in each grade, with a total of 200 student responses, a minor misdemeanor will not result in incarceration. Instead punishments can include a fine, community service, restitution, or being sent to a residential treatment facility. For juveniles, Maher said, any minor misdemeanor results in a court date and, usually, a charge of delinquency. Consequences for delinquencies are not punishment-oriented.

"The focus is rehabilitative instead of punitive," Maher said. He added that the penalties are chosen at the discretion of the judge.

If a minor is found possessing marijuana with intent to sell it, he or she can be arrested for a felony of the fourth degree. According to Maher, valid evidence for this charge includes possession of more than one bag of marijuana or a scale for weighing the drug.

Alcohol, according to Maher, is treated similarly. Having more than a 0.1 percent blood alcohol level may result in the typical consequences of a minor misdemeanor.

According to Tim Reinhart, lieutenant of the juvenile bureau of the Shaker Heights police department, crimes involving marijuana do have consequences similar to those involving alcohol. The main difference is usually more counseling and testing for marijuana cases. However, as in all cases, consequences depend on the circumstances of each arrest.

Reinhart said that the police make

about five alcohol related arrests and 25 marijuana related arrests of teenagers every year, not including any parties that are busted.

Maher and Reinhart differ, however, about the chances for arrest for another group of students.

When one person is charged with possession, according to Maher, police often charge others around him/her with the same offense.

"Sometimes the prosecutor wrongly tries to charge them," Maher said.

Reinhart disagrees, stating that the police will not arrest someone unless that person breaks a law.

"Unless you've done something illegal, we're not going to charge you," Reinhart said.

When police believe there is criminal action going on, they can ask questions in order to confirm or dispel their suspicion. But according to Maher, because of the fourth amendment — the right to a lawful search — and the fifth amendment — the right to remain silent — you do not have to answer these questions and you do not have to empty your pockets or let the officer search you. You also have a right to associate with people. Just because there is a group of kids doesn't give the police the right to suspect criminal activity.

"The best advice is to assert your rights," Maher said. "You just have to make sure you don't consent to things you're not comfortable with."

Reinhart added that police intervene in about six to eight parties per year that involve alcohol and marijuana. He said that at nearly all these parties, minors are arrested. The relatively low number of police actions contradicts the survey results. Thirty-five percent of students reported that they go to high school parties at least twice a month, which adds up to a lot more than six parties a year. Reinhart said police are usually informed of a party by neighbors.

Reinhart also said that most parties the police become involved with begin the same way. Parents are almost always out of town, and a student host plans to have his/her close friends over. More people, usually unwanted, show up. The host feels pressured to let more and more people in.

"Nobody invites 100 kids to their house," Reinhart said.

One student described the makings of a party differently.

"When I'm about to throw it down, I let all my people know, let it be heard by word of mouth, and whatever happens, it's on!" an anonymous junior said.

When the police intervene, according to Reinhart, they talk to kids and see who has been drinking and who is sober. They may administer Breathalyzer tests. Before they leave the party, police make sure there is a responsible adult to take over.

and the survey results

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Lt. Tim Reinhart of the SHPD said minors and adults can be charged for hosting parties with alcohol available to minors. Some parents feel that hosting a party is still justified.

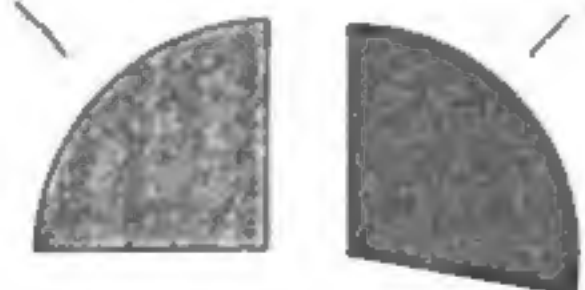
"I let my kids and his friends drink here sometimes because I would rather have them doing it here than out there," one anonymous parent said.

Reinhart said the police intervene in about six teen-age parties a year. A Shakerite survey given to 200 students, from three homerooms in each grade, suggested parties are more frequent and that alcohol is often available.

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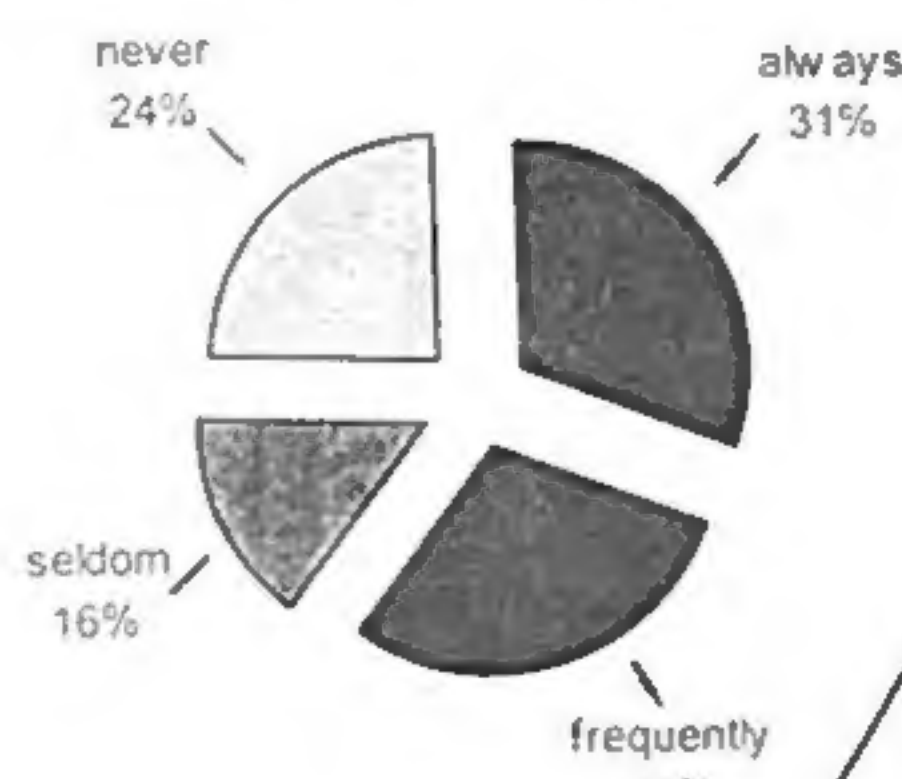
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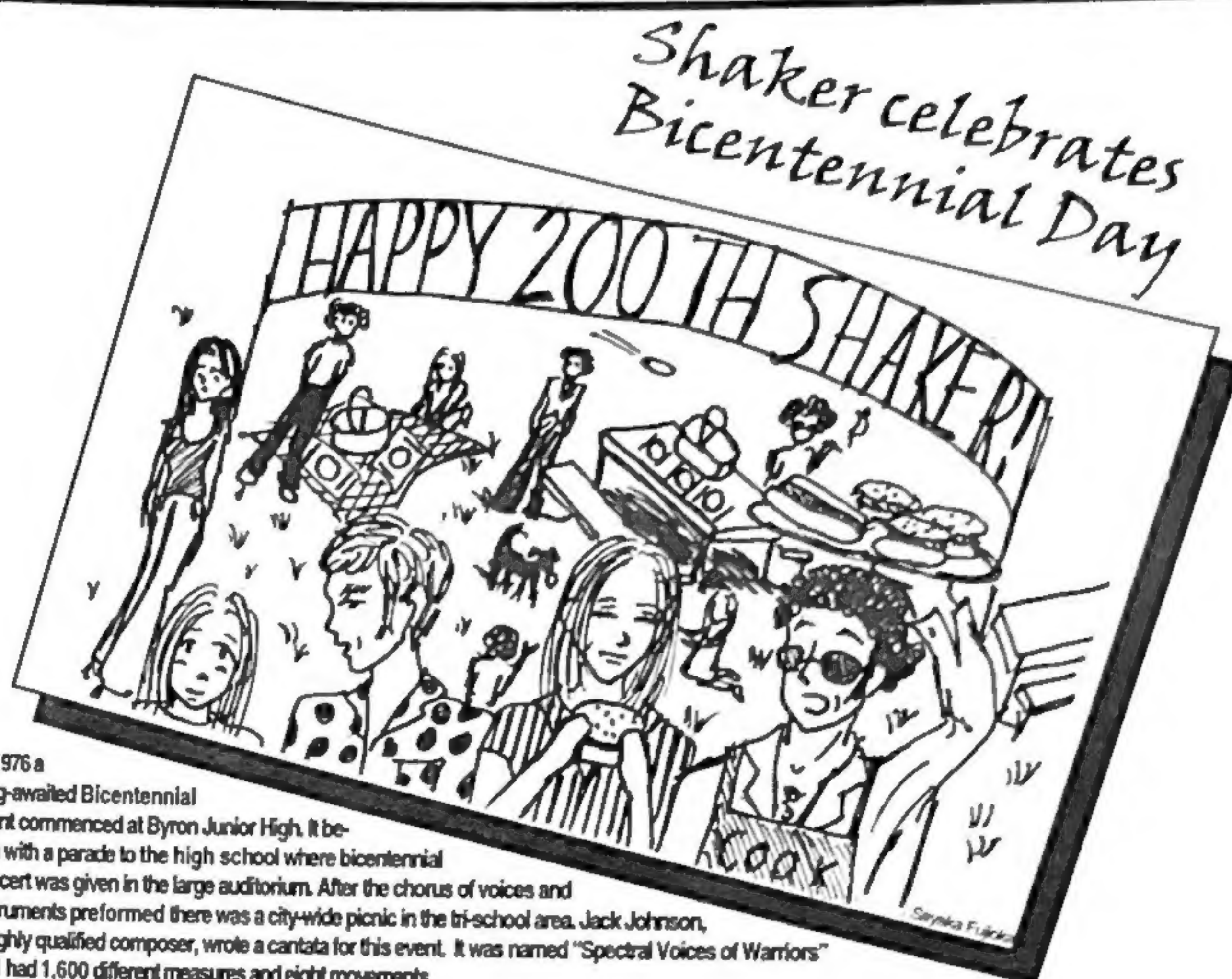
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In 1976 a long-awaited Bicentennial event commenced at Byron Junior High. It began with a parade to the high school where bicentennial concert was given in the large auditorium. After the chorus of voices and instruments performed there was a city-wide picnic in the tri-school area. Jack Johnson, a highly qualified composer, wrote a cantata for this event. It was named "Spectral Voices of Warriors" and had 1,600 different measures and eight movements.

Daily schedule changes to include 15 short mods

- Due to state-mandated laboratory classes, school day was lengthened

For the fourth time in three years, Shaker will introduce a new daily schedule. This will be necessary because Shaker has not met Ohio's minimum time standards for laboratory courses this year.

A student-faculty committee discussed new guidelines and was in favor of a school day consisting of 15 periods. Each period would last for approximately 25 minutes.

Under such a short-period schedule, classes would meet for either one, two or three periods at a time. The scheduling committee feels that

this setup would specifically benefit science and art classes, which could use triple periods for laboratory work.

Lunch periods would be shortened and the length of the school day would be increased.

The scheduling committee also considered changes for programming of physical education classes. Under one proposal, junior and senior classes would meet only every other day. However, the girls' gym teachers vehemently oppose any reduction in class time.

May 28, 1971

Raider baseball team wins 1965 State Champs



The Shaker Red Raiders brought home their first Ohio high school baseball championship in 1965. The Raiders rolled over eight contenders to bring the state crown to Shaker for the first time since the tournament was established in 1928. Coach Fred Heinlen was named Plain Dealer Coach of the Year, and four players were named to the All-Scholastic team. The baseball team has won only one other title since this victory, one 1976. The current record is 6-6.

Who wears short shorts? Shaker wears short shorts - now

After a ruling by the administration in 1979 to no longer allow shorts at school, Shaker student Jerry Koleski wrote this editorial about the ban.

I'd like to take this opportunity to applaud the administration for its new ruling not allowing short pants to be worn in school. As we all know, 15-, 16- and 17-year-olds must be protected from themselves at most times. People of these ages are not capable of making decisions about something as simple as what type of clothes to wear to school.

Students should not be permitted to wear shorts during 90-degree weather. It's obvious that one could catch a cold or some



other disease that could cause permanent damage or even kill. The administration did a very good job in showing those foolish souls the errors of their ways.

According to the SHHS Handbook shorts are not of "generally accepted style," nor are they "ap-

propriate." After all, who ever heard of wearing shorts when it is between 80 and 90 degrees outside. Shorts are such a clear violation of the dress code that this writer wonders why it has taken the school so long to outlaw them.

By Jerry Koleski,
June 7, 1979

In a June issue of the Shakerite, a feature article was written about the clothing.

The thermometer outside your science class flirts with 90 degrees, and your teacher rambling about the greenhouse effect leads you to deduce that the classroom must be even hotter.

As you separate your jeans from your leg, which sweat has made sticky, you wish you had worn shorts to school.

Prior to 1990 students were not even allowed to wear shorts to school.

The school's dress code in 1994 only prohibited clothing of a distracting nature according to the school's book of penal codes and

regulations.

Students wonder how there could have been a rule banning shorts from the halls of the high school.

Shorts have become quite prevalent in our school's hallways with the increase in temperature brought on by summer.

Some students even see shorts as an important means of expression.

"Shorts are one of the most versatile items in one's wardrobe. No only do they allow legs to be bare and be really cool even on the hottest days, but they also allow people... to express themselves." Pat O'Neal said.

By Alex
Hammerstone,
June 1, 1994

Criticism and praise surround Napster

Free computer program offers a place to trade music, but recording industry calls it stealing

By Meghan Dubyak and Megan Kortemeyer
News co-editor and A&E editor

It is the one word that strikes fear into the hearts of music executives everywhere, yet it represents the possible future of the music industry.

It is Napster, and as the controversy surrounding this computer program grows, so does its popularity.

Napster was created in 1999 by 19-year-old college freshman Shawn Fanning. The program provides a place for people to locate and download their favorite music in mp3 format. At the same time, Napster allows users to chat with each other to find the specific type of music they want.

"Napster is a program that is essentially for mp3s, which are big data files. Some-

one can download songs and then trade them on Napster," Network Administrator Walter Boswell said.

Problems with Napster arose soon after its launch, as record executives worried that the program would hurt sales. In December, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), representing the major record companies, sued Napster for copyright violation, seeking to shut it down.

"I think the RIAA has completely blown the issue with Napster out of proportion. The technology is out there, and people are going to use it no matter what. The RIAA should really use the technology to their advantage because they can't stop anything," said Brian Wujek, a CD/Game Exchange employee.

Several record companies have attempted to use the new technology to their advantage. RCA recently developed a website where patrons can download singles for a small fee.

As universities around the country are finding, Napster poses a threat to computer networks as well. The large files can slow networks by overworking the system.

"It clogs up all of the network files. We block it at Shaker, along with many other institutions, on our firewall, which blocks all bad sites," Boswell said.

According to the Napster website, the program has provoked concern because before its existence, mp3s were hard to come by and difficult to download.

Students can see both sides. "I think it's a great tool because it allows people to share their music," senior Brandon Johnson said.

Senior Chris Blankenship disagreed. "I think it's wrong to download the whole CD and not buy it," he said.

Students across the country have taken actions to keep Napster on college campuses. Because of network concerns, many colleges have banned it.



beneficial to the music industry

A petition to reinstate Napster was circulated at Indiana University, and students formed Save Napster, a website that advises students on the legalities of Napster.

Some students think the economics work out in the long run.

"They may be losing a lot of money, but it kind of balances out overpriced CDs," Blankenship said.

Senior Meghan Crosby disagreed. "If it's there, people are going to use it, but it affects CD sales," she said. "People bootleg the songs and then sell CDs."

Johnson offered yet another viewpoint. "It's right that they're being sued, but I don't think it's a good idea," he said.

Blankenship feels that Napster is

"I use Napster to sample music, and once I download a song, I usually buy the CD. This helps the music industry," he said.

Wujek said nothing can be done to solve the problems caused by Napster.

"Pandora's box has already been opened. The recording industry can't get rid of their troubles now," he said. "I don't think Napster has impacted the average Joe. Most people still come in and buy CDs, so it hasn't affected our business."

Without favorable court decisions or legislation, the music industry's efforts to reclaim their tunes will likely fall short.

"I think it's going to change the music industry greatly," Johnson said. "Most people who don't have enough money to buy CDs will use Napster."



Sarah Frisof's favorite type of music usually involves an orchestra. "I like playing symphonic stuff the most, with a full orchestra," she said.

Sarah Frisof on the path to her future

By Megan Kortemeyer
A&E editor

Not only is senior Sarah Frisof musically gifted, she also speaks Spanish pretty well. Casually conversing with a Mexican exchange student recently, she grew serious when the discussion turned to music.

An active member in Shaker's bands and several exclusive music groups outside school, Frisof has found her calling at an age when most teenagers are thinking only of what to do over the weekend.

"I've been playing the flute for nine years, and the piano for 11. When I'm focusing, I usually can practice my flute for two hours a day. If I feel like it, I'll practice the piano," Frisof said.

This motivation has enabled her to take part in many musical opportunities. She is a member of the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, Contemporary Youth Orchestra and the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra. At Shaker, Frisof is in the wind ensemble, jazz ensemble and jazz combo. She has been a member of Shaker's programs throughout high school and has participated in CYWS for five years, CYO for three years and COYO for two years.

Frisof will attend the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

"I'm going to be studying classical flute orchestral performance. I won a big merit scholarship from them [Eastman] for \$10,000, although I'm not sure if that's all over four years, or if it's renewable."

Frisof's classmates are impressed by her talents.

"Sarah's very talented and I think she'll be successful in all of her musical endeavors," senior and fellow CYWS member Tara Davis said.

"She's really good at all of the many things she does."

Although Frisof says embarrassing moments are becoming less frequent, some memories still make her cringe.

"There have been many embarrassing times when you have a solo in a concert and you get up to play, and you just forget everything," she says, laughing. "That is the absolute worst."

Frisof also recalls several positive experiences.

"In my sophomore year, I played a concerto with CYO. It was a big concert, with lots of people, and everyone was dressed up. It was a really exciting experience, and probably my best memory involving my music."

Frisof cites many influences for each aspect of her music.

"I'm not sure if anybody will have heard of these people, but on the flute my major influence is Paula Robeson. My teacher, Martha Aarons, has also played a big role. For jazz piano, I listen to Theolonius Monk, [John] Coltrane and Bill Evans, and for classical piano I have been influenced by [Vladimir] Horowitz and [Artur] Rubenstein."

Frisof knows that music will always play a large role in her life.

"Ten years from now — cross my fingers — I will be playing in a good orchestra, such as the Cleveland Orchestra. If I could get to that level in such a short amount of time, that would be great."

For people interested in pursuing a musical career, Frisof has a bit of advice.

"Work hard now, because you really have to focus when you're young. It is really important to start as early as you can."

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Does size matter (in concert venues)?

There is nothing like a good concert.

The most popular venues in Cleveland — Gund Arena, the Odeon Concert Club, Peabody's Down Under and Blossom Music Center — all provide different concert experiences.

Odeon, in the Flats, is my favorite place, selling out at about 900 people. You can see the stage from pretty much anywhere in the club, and if you're lucky, you'll get close enough to see food in the musicians' teeth. The artists who perform there are usually personal and friendly with the crowd. The artists often wander around the club after their set, meeting fans and signing autographs.

While the larger venues (Gund Arena, the CSU Convocation Center and Blossom Music Center) have great sound systems and the capabilities for intense on-stage effects, they just don't provide for the same personal experience.

I attended the Backstreet Boys concert at Gund Arena. They opened the show by flying onto the stage on Hoverboards through a thick cloud of smoke. They began singing and dancing with perfectly choreographed footwork and matching outfits. It was quite a show, and it was enjoyable, but I couldn't help feeling like I was watching a movie, not sitting in the same room with the Boys. On the other hand, Lit opened their show by walking on stage, playing their instruments in normal-looking clothes and saying "Hey, what's up, Cleveland?"

At the Third Eye Blind concert at the Akron Civic Theater, the on-stage lights dimmed after "Jumper" and we heard a great guitar solo. When the lights came up, Stephen Jenkins was singing out of sight. Arion Salzar, the bassist, pointed to the balcony and we found Jenkins serenading the upper level. I can't imagine something like this happening at a large venue. Jenkins later commented on the size of the venue, saying he liked the smaller places more because it made everyone feel closer.

I have to agree with the man. After this show, I realized huge concerts don't leave me with the satisfied feeling that small clubs do. I feel like the artist is singing for me, not to me, which is something I really enjoy.

The energy produced by a concert can barely be contained inside a small venue. Small venues take music to another level by making you feel it through your heart, instead of making you feel you're watching a show that has been polished and shined, choreographed to perfection.

For an intimate conversation through song, check out some small shows. They have a lot to offer.

Shaker grad producing hits

• 1967 alum Lauren Schuler Donner living her dream

By Jon Heller
Web page editor

Editor's note: Shaker alum Lauren Schuler Donner, who has produced such hits as *You've Got Mail*, *Any Given Sunday* and *Bulworth*, recently talked with Jon Heller about her success and Hollywood.

Q. How did you become involved in Hollywood?

A. I gradually became interested in producing movies. I was an assistant film editor, then a camera woman, then an associate producer in television. Then, finally, I produced a television movie called *Amateur Night at the Dixie Bar and Grill*. After that, I knew producing was for me. I was pretty young to go on my own (28) so I joined a production company but quickly found out we did not have the same taste. So I went out on my own and worked with writers developing screenplays. *Mr. Mom* was my first film.

Q. What are some of your favorite movies you've produced?

A. My favorites include *You've Got Mail*, *Dave* and *Ladyhawke*.

Q. Have you collaborated with your husband [Richard Donner, also a producer] on any films?

A. I made two films with my husband. *Ladyhawke* and *Radio Flyer*, and we are about to make another film together. It will be the adaptation of Michael Crichton's new book, *Timeline*.

Q. What are some of your favorite movies that you did not produce?

A. I loved *American Beauty*.

Rushmore, *Il Postino*, *The Insider* and *Shakespeare in Love*. I liked them for their stories, which were well-told, with realistic characters and good acting.

Q. Who is one of your favorite actors or actresses to work with?

A. Tom Hanks is one of my favorite actors to work with because he is kind and funny and very professional.

Q. What kind of advice would you have for students interested in movies?

A. My advice for students would be to develop your writing skills. We cannot make movies without good scripts.

Q. How long does it take to produce a movie?

A. It depends. *X-Men*, which we are currently editing, took four years to develop a decent screenplay. A quick movie would be three or four months for the screenplay, three months of pre-production, three months of filming and five or six months of editing.

Q. What are the responsibilities of a producer?

A. The producer finds the material, and is responsible for developing a good enough script to attract a director and to make a studio spend millions of dollars. The producer works with the director hiring the crew, casting the film, deciding where they will film and making decisions on wardrobe, hair, etc. They are also responsible for the budget and the schedule. We solve problems, make creative suggestions, and help make the film happen.



Warner Bros. Pictures



Photo courtesy of The Gremlin

Clockwise from top: Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks starred in one of Donner's most successful productions, 1998's *You've Got Mail*. Another Donner production was 1998's *Bulworth*, with Warren Beatty. Donner's senior yearbook picture from the class of 1967.



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MEXICANS MIX IT UP



Mexican exchange students spent a day at the Cleveland State University radio station recently. Pictured at left is Miguel Angel Charraga Calles, who stayed with sophomore Mike Shenk. The students were participating in a program called "Latin Fiesta," by playing some of their own CDs and then talking about music.

Mary O'Connell/The Shakerite

Poet's League a grand slam

By Leonie Berry
Staff reporter

Six Shaker poets were publicly slammed recently, and they couldn't be happier.

The students, members of Marianne Schwartz's creative writing class, competed against more than 300 other Northeast Ohio students for the right to have their work performed by the nationally known Cleveland poetry slam team. The contest was organized by the Poet's League of Greater Cleveland. Only 26 students were chosen for the slam.

"We had to submit [our poetry] for creative writing class," said senior Jenny Hill.

Other winning Shaker poets include seniors Nate Auerbach, Naketa Janeen Lawson and Ben Neilson, and juniors Debra Kamin and Maureen Moodie. Shaker had the largest representation in the performance, which was entitled "A Small, Thirty Song."

"It's really amazing that so many students from the same school are showcased," said

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DAVID HASSLER
Poet's League

David Hassler from the Poet's League.

Poetry subjects covered everything imaginable in a teenager's life. "[These students] speak about family and loss, social injustice, friendship, and love. And always, they speak from the perspective of their own lives," Hassler wrote in the program for the show.

Lawson was pleasantly surprised by the recognition she received.

"It was a real privilege that my poem got picked. There were so many good poets that submitted and I just can't believe that my poem was chosen," said Lawson. "It was really nice. I would just like to thank Mrs. Schwartz for making this happen."

Reviews

Keeping the Faith

So a priest and a rabbi walk into a bar... You've probably heard this one before, but it gets better. Edward Norton's directorial debut, *Keeping the Faith*, is based on an almost as trite premise: two best friends meet a girl, both fall in love, she chooses one and complications ensue. Although the main plot is as over-used as a can of refried beans, its ordinariness is easily compensated for by several other hilarious aspects of the film.

Brian Finn (Norton) and Jake

Schram (Ben Stiller) are a priest and a rabbi, respectively, who are reunited with their long-lost best friend, Anna Riley (Jenna Elfman). A few Holy Communions and blind dates (for the rabbi, not the priest) later, Jake and Anna are in love, and, unbeknownst to the similarly love-struck Brian (whose love life is somewhat obstructed by his vow of celibacy), are having a relationship behind his back.

The film's quirkiness, much more than its story, is what makes it a success. The best parts are the little scenes, like Brian's impression of Dustin Hoffman's Rainman or Jake's di-

sastrous date with one of his congregant's daughters. Lisa Samols



Out of Four

Nine Inch Nails

On April 12, one of the best concerts to ever pass through Cleveland was attended by hundreds of Nine Inch Nails fans.

The band's set lasted for about two hours. They opened playing the song "Somewhat Damaged" from behind a black curtain. As strobe lights swept through the crowd, the anticipation grew. Throughout the night, NIN played classic songs such as "Head Like a Hole," "March of

the Pigs" and "Closer." The band also played several songs off their new album, *The Fragile*, such as "The Big Come Down," and "Starfuckers, Inc." Many of the songs were played with a computer generated backdrop showing Trent Reznor rising from a lake, which was a cool special effect. The fantastic set ended with NIN playing the song "Hurt," in which the vocals were not only heard from the band, but from the many devoted fans singing along. If Nine Inch Nails ever comes to town again, theirs is a concert which shouldn't be missed.



Out of Four

Plain Dealer forums provoke degrading comments

• Students take advantage of online forums, use as outlet to bash competitors

In the final weeks before the big state and district swim meets, one of the biggest points of debate was not who would win, but the comments made on an online forum. The forum, located at www.cleveland.com, was started by Jim Wamsley, the father of a high school swimmer. Wamsley thought the page would be a nice place for swimmers to exchange ideas about training. It was also meant to be a place for swimmers to be able to talk. The idea of the page was expressed on the first posting on the forum, which states, "Welcome. This is the place to talk about the high school swimming season! So have fun, just remember to be courteous to your fellow posters."



Lynne Hoppe
Guest 'riter

The first three postings on the forum were written in that manner. They were statements of encouragement and friendly rivalry. They talked of the splitting of the girls teams into two divisions based on school size. One posting sent a good luck message to the Revere team on their upcoming meet. This was the type of discourse that was intended. This civility did not last long.

The fourth posting, one of personal opinion, set a new tone for the message board. The fourth message commented on the pre-season thoughts of *The Plain Dealer* writer Bob Fortuna. The person thought that Fortuna's predictions of individual and team leaders in the swimming arena were not accurate. This posting began a series of reactions and retaliations that have now become commonplace on the forum, which is now riddled with comments ranging from attacks on teams as a whole to attacks targeting individual swimmers. People have taken the friendly out of friendly competition.

Sophomore Caryn Weingart is one swimmer who has been attacked on the forum. She transferred to Shaker from The Hawken School after her freshman year. Comments on the forum questioned her loyalty to her team and attacked her skill as a swimmer.

"Things on the forum are unfounded and out of line. People who write things on there don't even put their name with what they write," Weingart said. "It is as if they have these opinions about things but do not want to admit that the opinions belong to them."

Indeed these comments are out of line. Katie Wamsley, whose father initiated the forum, was altered to the site by her brother Bryan, a Shaker graduate and who now attends Princeton University.

"Bryan told me that I should look at the site because people were writing degrading things about Shaker," she said. "When I first went on the site, I was kind of angry because people were writing mean things about my swim team, but now it is even worse. Now people just put others down and talk about them. It is just annoying."

Tommie Jimmison, a senior on the mens' swim team, is annoyed by the comments made on the swim forum.

"Some of the things that are said on there are really not true. People say outrageous things that don't come true," he explained. "I have read some posts that talk about people beating me in meets, and then the meet comes and they don't beat me. The people don't stop bad mouthing me though. Even after I have proven myself they still talk. It is annoying."

Messages posted on the forum are widely read by both current and former area swimmers.

Kristen Mikelonis, a freshman at Penn State University, swam for Hawken and with the club team Shaker Sharks. "I have swam for both teams and know how both work. People who write things on the forum usually have only swam for one team and have certain prejudices against other teams," she said. "I once had certain prejudices against Shaker, but then I swam with them and found out they didn't have the attitudes I thought they did."

The forum has turned into a place not of friendly comment, but a place where people voice their prejudices and spout hateful messages.

"The forum was meant as a way for people to talk to each other and post messages, but now it seems as if they just degrade people," Mikelonis said. "Nothing really productive has been posted recently."

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"Whoever is bragging about benching 200 is a real dumb a\$\$ and a pu\$\$y. 200 aint sh*t. I can do that in my sleep..."

(4/25) high school baseball

"Alright you f*cking homos instead of trying to an'l rape each other by kissing a\$\$ you should really be practicing your pitching cause you guys both blow. And by the way Beachwood sucks A\$\$ too! CHHS beat all three of your sorry a\$\$es."

(4/20) high school baseball

Compiled by Sports editors

This spring, Mayfield senior Rena Strembitsky opted to play men's tennis rather than women's tennis as she had in previous years. Strembitsky now plays number one singles for Mayfield and is the subject of much controversy surrounding the rules of coed play.

The Shakerite took this issue to the hallways to find out how the student body interprets the latest twist on the battle of the sexes.

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Traci Williams
Grade: junior

"She should be allowed to play, but it's not right. Title IX gave women the opportunity to play. She should take the opportunity. If there's a girls team, she should play on it."

Allan Slawson

Head coach of Shaker men's and women's tennis teams
"I don't think it's a good idea. I think it's wrong. Rules that work in one direction are wrong. Girls' athletics are for girls, and boys' athletics are for boys. As far as a girl playing on a boys' team when a girls' team is offered, it's foolish."



Todd Angney
Grade: sophomore

"I don't think it's right because there's a girls' team, and obviously girls should play on the girls' team."



Borko Tesic

Grade: junior, member of men's tennis team

"I don't like it. If girls can play on the boys' team, men [should be able] to play on the girls' team. It can't go one way and not the other."

Stephanie Jacobs
Grade: freshman

"I think that if she's good enough and she wants to then she should be able to play with the boys team."



Dominique Walker
Grade: junior

"I think that if she's good enough to compete on the men's teams, then she should do what she's good at. An athlete is an athlete, regardless of sex."

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TURNER, MOORE IGNITE RAIDER SUCCESS

• Turner adds speed to track team

Sport: Track

Year: Freshman

Achievement: Over the winter, Turner ran the 4x 400m relay at nationals in Indiana, helping the team to a fifth place national ranking with a time of 3:57. She is currently ranked fifth in the LEL Division I rankings for her time of 49 seconds for the 400m. Turner also competes in the high jump. Her best jump is 5 feet. She runs track in the summer with the Cleveland Heights Rebels.

Coach's Comment: "She has done very well so far. Krystal has either won or placed in the top two every time."
-head coach Henry Woodard

In the family: Her father, who ran track, encouraged her to run. She started in seventh grade.

Personal Goal: Turner would like to make it to the Olympics.

Jenny Hedder



Courtesy of Turner family

Turner helped the 4 X 400 m relay team of seniors Emily Blanton, Lauren Richard and Dalanda Jackson to a fifth place national ranking.



Krystal Turner

"SHE IS A GOOD OPEN 400M RUNNER."

- SENIOR EMILY BLANTON

• Moore's defense sparks Raiders

Sport: Lacrosse

Year: Senior

Achievement: Moore is a three-year varsity starter. He made the Ohio-Michigan all stars in 1999, was named third team all-Ohio in '99, and is team captain this year. He currently leads the Raiders in ground balls and is a candidate for greater Cleveland defenseman of the year.

Favorite Memory: "We had a great game this year against Wooster because we came together as a team."

Teammate's comment: "He is a good defensive player who can bring the ball up the field offensively."
-junior Matt Falkner

Future Plans: Moore will attend Lehigh University in the fall, where he plans to play lacrosse and major in business and engineering.



Andy Powers/The Shakerite

Moore pushes the ball on transaction against University School.



Adam Moore

"HE HAS GOOD LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND FIRES UP THE TEAM."

- JUNIOR MATT FALKNER

LACROSSE FROM PAGE 16

• Undefeated team looks to state title

The Raiders have an overall combined shooting percentage of .462, which explains the abundance of goals. With 12 returning letterman, the girls had a solid foundation to improve upon from the get go. Throughout pre-season, head coach Liz Wilson and assistant coach Kristen Murray

worked with on conditioning to build endurance, and recognized the capability the girls have to reach their goal.

Last season ended tragically for this team; in the finals of the Midwest Tournament they lost 7-5 to Sewickley Academy from Sewickley, PA, a team they had beaten 14-10 during the regular season. However, these girls are not going to let that memory stand in the way of this year's quest.

"We need to really come together and develop into a balanced team," Gilbride said.

BASEBALL FROM PAGE 16

• Sparkling play lifts Raiders over Heights Tigers

shook off Heights' three run first inning, holding the Tiger offense scoreless through the fourth inning, and giving the Raider bats time to awake from their semi-slumber. "I knew that eventually we would start hitting, our team is too talented not to," said Thomas, who improved to 2-0 in the 2000 campaign. "I just put the ball over the plate and had fun, I knew the runs would come." And come they did. Sparked by two towering homers by senior first baseman John Franzen and junior shortstop Carson Strang, the Raiders jumped on Heights in the bottom of the fourth, rallying for seven runs on four hits and pushing the score to 10-3.

The sparkling play seemed to carry over into the field, as senior center fielder Jeremy Moore made a diving grab on a low liner to shallow center, which prompted a standing ovation from the Shaker crowd that packed into three sets of bleachers.

"I had to get the crowd pumped up somehow, I mean, we need the crowds to make noise and get into



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Senior John Franzen leads the batting Raiders to a 2-4 record in the LEL. Sectional play started this week.



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SOFTBALL FROM PAGE 16

• Women base runners dominate over Heights

really think this was on of our better games."

"Kathryn was given an opportunity to pitch and she stepped up and did a great job," said sophomore catcher Katie Nielsen.

"We really played well as a team," junior Laura Englehart said. "Our offense really picked up."

the game whenever we play the team down the road," Moore said of the magnitude of the Lee road rivalry with Heights.

Senior captain, catcher Mike Wilcox pounded out

three hits in the game, racking up 4 RBI's, and throwing two runners out.

The Raiders will host Hudson in first round tournament action on Tuesday, May 2.



Alyson Gilbride and Jenna Sickbert work hard in practice.



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Rivalries fueled by rumors

Everyone who plays a sport knows that there are some teams you just hate. For each sport there are one or two teams that you look forward to playing just for the simple fact that you can't stand to look at them.

Every year that game comes around and you get so pumped and riled up that you can't eat or sleep in the days before the game. Every sport from Shaker Youth Baseball to Major League Baseball has its rivalries.

The problem is, when you ask someone why a rivalry exists, and why you hate the other team so much, you invariably get a stupid response: "Cause they're stupid," or "cause they suck."

I know that for men's lacrosse, every ounce of adrenaline is targeted at University School. We have hated U.S. since before I can remember, but no one you ask can give you a reason why. The most common thing you'll hear is "Cause they're gay." That is what I was told as a freshman, and that's still what people think.

So that's the basis of a rivalry that has spanned generations? That's why I work at lacrosse? To beat a team because someone said they were gay? That doesn't get me pumped. That doesn't fire me up. Even if it were true, just because a person is gay doesn't make me want to play any harder.

First of all, every guy who has lost his girlfriend to a U.S. kid sporting nice gear and driving a \$50,000 car knows that generalization is inaccurate. So what the hell do we play for anyway?

A rivalry has to be founded on something more than a simple rumor someone started to fuel hatred between two teams. A generalization that is both unfounded and inappropriate isn't going to heighten one's desire to win. When I go out to beat U.S., I have to have something more concrete fueling my desire than an age-old lie.

Yeah, the rumors and lies will cut it for some people. For some kids, getting pumped and angry requires only a sneeze from a member of the opposite team. But for me to justify the extra time and energy spent practicing and the extra pain suffered from hitting every Prepper on the field, I need a real reason.

Next time you go out to play your strongest rival and get all fired up for a big game, keep in mind that the reason you hate them may be because of a ridiculous joke that someone made a long time ago.

There's nothing wrong with hating another team because it makes the season more interesting, but try to find a reason with a little truth behind it.

Women's lacrosse off to 8-0 start

• 12 returning letterman to help Raiders redeem '99 2nd place finish in Midwest Tournament

By Jenny Heisler
Sports co-editor

The women's lacrosse team is paving a smooth road towards their coveted goal—a state title.

So far this year, the team is 8-0, having beaten five of their eight opponents by more than ten goals.

"We have a lot of talent this year," said junior attacker Alyson Gilbride. "Our depth really makes a difference."

Junior Jaron Santelli has been a strong force for the Raider attack. Santelli leads with 28 goals and 12 assists.

On the other end of the field, junior Erin Forquer has consistently stopped opponents' shots, with a save percentage of .602. Seniors Emily Blanton and Jenna Sickbert also add to defensive success, with 13 and 11 defensive stops, respectively.

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Sophomore Claire Dietrich and senior Lily Kirbo contribute to the Raider's 8-0 record. With 13, Dietrich has the second most goals for the Raiders. The team will face off against the Cleveland Heights Tigers this evening at 7 p.m.

RIVALRY

Cleveland Heights rivalries continue as Baseball and softball hit the field to tame the Tigers.

Baseball wins 16-6, Thomas at the mound

By Dan George
Staff reporter

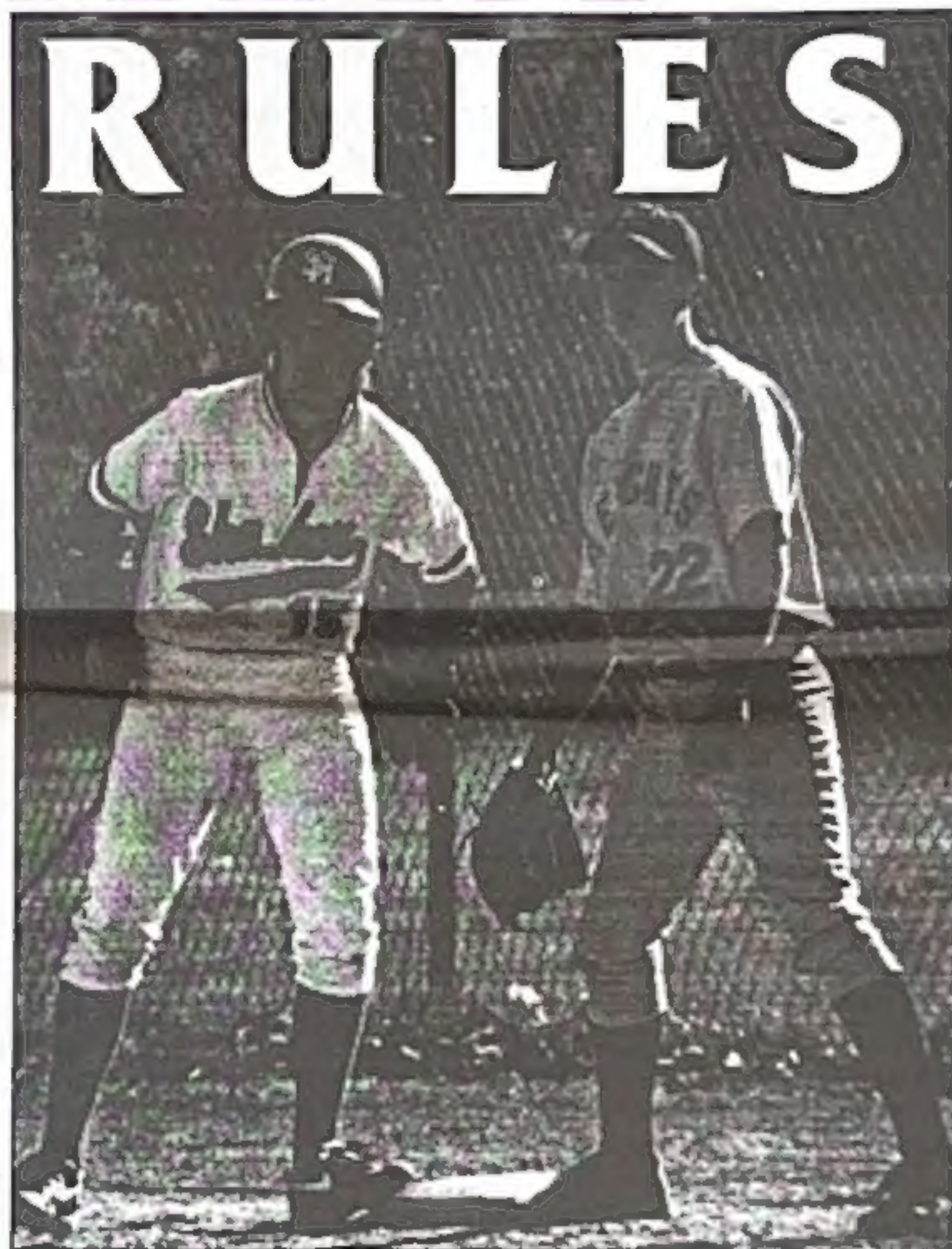
Standing with his arms folded over his chest after his team's 16-6 thrashing of rival Cleveland Heights on April 26th, Shaker baseball coach Bud Longo couldn't contain his smile.

"Simply put, up and down the lineup, the team played a heck of a game—and it's always good to beat those guys," beamed Longo, whose Raiders improved to 6-6, 2-4 in the LEL.

Longo had reason to smile. After dropping road games to inner-league foes, Valley Forge and Mentor, the baseball team sagged into the Heights contest, desperately in need of a victory.

After falling behind 3-0 in an error-filled first inning, things looked bleak for the Raiders, who had tallied a minuscule four hits in their last two losses. However from the first pitch on, the Raider offense exploded, torching Heights for 16 of the games next 19 runs.

The assault was led by sophomore leadoff hitter Tristan Ribar. The Raider's right fielder laced a base hit to start the game, coming around to score Shaker's first run on cleanup hitter Mike Wilcox's single to left field.



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Junior Steven Wilson looks to get a lead off of first base, while junior Kathryn Swary tries her best to stop the Tigers with her pitching.

After knocking Heights' starting pitcher out of the game after 1/3 of an inning, the Raiders, thanks to Adam Lazarus's sacrifice fly, scored two more to knot the score at 3-3. Senior pitcher Brad Thomas

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Softball prevails over Tigers, 9-8

By Nicole Majorczyk
Sports co-editor

The softball team brought home a win for their coach's 25th wedding anniversary at the Cleveland Heights game at Forest Hills Park. The team barely clinched the game, 9-8.

The team, who leading up to the game had a record of 2-6 was determined to better their record.

"We played one of our better games. Our good offense helped a lot because it gave us a big lead and cushioned it when they started getting hits," junior shortstop Liz Swary.

Sophomore Kathryn Swary pitched six strong innings until in the seventh when her arm got tired. Senior Tory Ribar saved the game with her pitches in the seventh.

The Heights Tigers lit up the score board first with a run in the first inning. Shaker countered with two runs in the second.

The score remained the same for the next three innings. The most plentiful inning in runs scored was the fifth inning which left the score 7-6. Heights came out of nowhere to score five runs.

As the seventh inning came up, sophomore third baseman Emilie Vicchio hit a two run homerun and junior Traci Williams had a triple. This raised the score to 9-8. The team took command of the situation to win the game.

"We were aggressive on the bases and really pushed for runs," Vicchio said. "I

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STROKE!

The women's crew team practices for the Governor's Cup May 6 and 7. The team will travel to Cincinnati on May 13 and 14 for the Midwest Scholastics Regatta.

For more information on the crew team visit their web site: www.expage.com/page/shakescrew. The Crew team looks to become an official sport next year, their third year at Shaker.



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RAIDER WRAP-UP

Men's Tennis: 14-0

next game: May 6 v. Canton C.C.

Softball: 3-6

next game: May 5 v. Lakewood

Baseball: 6-6

next game: May 5 @ Lakewood

Men's Track

next meet: May 6 @ Willoughby

Women's Track

next meet: May 6 @ Austintown

Men's Lacrosse: 3-3

next game: May 6 @ Wellington

Women's Lacrosse: 8-0

next game: May 5 @ Cleve. Hts.